

Referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments. Senator Buchanan, for Senator Evans, presented a petition from many citizens of Texas, asking the submission to the people of a constitutional amendment prohibiting the sale and importation of intoxicating liquors in Texas.

Referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments. Senator Davis, for Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, March 9, 1883.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 320, being "An act to authorize the councils of certain cities and towns to appoint a board of school trustees," and find the same correctly engrossed.

DAVIS, for Committee.

Senator Johnson of Collin introduced a bill to be entitled "An act to amend title 48, chapter 3, article 2763, of the Revised Civil Statutes, and fixing the bond of the State Treasurer at five hundred thousand dollars."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Senator Terrell, chairman of Judiciary Committee No. 1, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, March 9, 1883.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 336, have considered the same, and instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

TERRELL, Chairman.

On motion of Senator Terrell, 100 copies of Senate bill No. 336, just reported, were ordered printed.

Senator Gooch made the motion that in consideration of the fact that to-day concludes the sixty days contemplated in the Constitution, as the length of the session of the Legislature, and many of the members had arranged their affairs at home to return at the end of the sixty days, now terminated, and it is necessary for them to return home for a few days to make preparations to come back and serve in the Legislature until they shall decide to adjourn, that the Senate stand adjourned till Tuesday morning next at ten o'clock.

Motion temporarily withdrawn.

Senator Buchanan moved that Senator Johnson of Collin be excused indefinitely, on account of important business, and that Senators Randolph and Shannon be excused until Thursday next.

Adopted.

A message was received from the House announcing that that body refuses to pass Senate bill No. 9, "An act to amend articles 730 and 731 of the Code of Criminal Procedure."

And Senate bill No. 4, "An act to amend title 9, chapter 3, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, by adding thereto another article, to be numbered article 317a."

And has passed House bill No. 527, "An act to repeal an act prescribing the place for the sale of property under legal process and deeds of trust in Marion county," approved January 25, 1875."

And House bill No. 528, "An act to make null and void all sales of land illegally and fraudulently made under an act to provide for the sale of the alternate sections of land in organized counties, as surveyed by railroad companies, and other works of internal improvement, and set apart for the benefit of the common school fund," approved July 8, 1879, and an act amendatory thereof, approved April 6, 1881."

Senator Harris moved to adjourn till Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Senator Gibbs moved to substitute for the motion of Senator Harris, the motion to adjourn at 11 o'clock to-day until Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Substitute motion lost by the following vote:

YEAS—12

Buchanan,
Cooper,
Fowler,
Gooch,

Harris,
Houston,
Johnston of Shelby,
Martin,

Peacock,
Perry,
Randolph,
Terrell.

NAYS—12.

Chesley,
Collins,
Davis,
Farrar,

Getzendaner,
Gibbs,
Johnson of Collin,
Kleberg,

Patton,
Pfeiffer,
Pope,
Stratton.

Senator Harris' motion was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—15.

Buchanan,
Collins,
Cooper,
Fowler,
Gooch,

Harris,
Houston,
Johnston of Shelby,
Jones,
Matlock,

Peacock,
Perry,
Pope,
Randolph,
Terrell.

NAYS—10.

Chesley,
Davis,
Farrar,
Getzendaner,

Gibbs,
Johnson of Collin,
Kleberg,

Patton,
Pfeiffer,
Stratton.

And the Senate adjourned until Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

FIFTY-FIRST DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER,)
AUSTIN, TEXAS, March 13, 1883. }

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

President pro tem. in the chair.

Roll called. No quorum present.

On motion of Senator Buchanan, the Senate adjourned till 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

FIFTY-SECOND DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER,)
AUSTIN, TEXAS, March 14, 1883. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

President pro tem. in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Senator Davis, Mr. J. H. Kirby, Callender Clerk, was indefinitely excused, on account of sickness.

On motion of Senator Buchanan, Senator Gooch was excused till Friday next, on account of the death of his brother.

On motion of Senator Gibbs, Senator Farrar was excused till to-morrow evening, on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Traylor, Senator Fleming was excused till to-morrow, on account of important business.

Senator Chesley presented a petition from the citizens of Independence, Texas, and of the students of Baylor University and Baylor Female College, asking for the submission of a constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors.

Referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

Senator Fowler presented a petition of citizens of this State, requesting this Legislature to submit to the vote of the people a constitutional amendment prohibiting the im-